

Town Topics

Musical Dinner Is Prelude to Dance

By Marie McNair

YOUNG PEOPLE and some not so young danced together last night at Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Rietzke's party at the Army - Navy Club.

First there was a dinner for 88 guests in honor of the Austrian Ambassador and Mme. Platzer and Dr. Howard Mitchell, conductor of the National Symphony Orchestra, and Mrs. Mitchell.

A dance for Sylvie Platzer, daughter of the Platzers, and for Martha Mitchell, the Howard Mitchells' daughter, came later with 200 or more young people arriving from various debutante dinners and dances.

The two girls had also attended the dinner. Miss Platzer's partner for the evening was Glenn Mitchell, son of Dr. and Mrs. Mitchell, and Martha was beamed by Scott Teunis.

The 11 tables set for eight places each were in a musical theme. Red and white flowers centered with a violin adorned the honor table. Musical instruments and vari-colored flowers decorated the other 10, and there was a hostess at each. In this group, whose husbands were also there, were Mms. du Plessis, wife of the South African Ambassador; Mme. Ardalan, wife of the Iran Ambassador; and Mrs. Arleigh Burke. Then—Mrs. Fred Vinson; Mme. von Donat, mother of Mme. Platzer; Mme. de Scheidlen; Mrs. Harry B. Gilbert, mother of the hostess; Carolyn Hagner Shaw and Irene Caldwell.

AMONG other guests were the Greek Ambassador, Eliatis; Gen. and Mrs. Lewis Prentiss, Mr. and Mrs. John F. Simmons, Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Biffle, Mrs. Jouett Shouse, Princess Kotchoubey, Mr. and Mrs. Dale Miller, Major Gen. and Mrs. Leigh Wade, Mrs. Howard Coffin, Mr. and Mrs. Carl McCardle, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Wire, the Counselor of the French Embassy and Mme. Manet, Col. A. H. Read



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Mrs. Vera Petschek, Mr. and Mrs. Blake Clark, Lady Lewis, Eloise Gear, George Ferris, Jr., Gerson Nordlinger, Jack Logan, and from the Austrian Embassy staff—the Counselor Dr. Johannes Proksch, Second Secretary Dr. Karl Fisher and Military and Air Attache, Lieut. Col. Paul Klein.

In addition there were Mrs. Herluf Provenson, Bill Carmichael, Mr. and Mrs. Garfield Kass, Henry Howells, Mme. Dimitri, Paul Wooton, Peter Timoshenko, and the Mitchells' daughter, Mrs. Lutz.

Around 10 o'clock the young people began to drift in; others came later from Mr. and Mrs. Robert Eichholz' dance at the Sheraton-Carlton for their debutante Lyn.

Patricia McMahon, daughter of Baroness Silvercruys, wife of the Belgian Ambassador, brought some of her dinner guests to the dance. Among them were her houseguest, Joan Ronnenberg with Peter and Michael Severeid. The Simmons boys—John F. Jr. and Huston, home from Princeton were there, and other dance guests included Gen. and Mrs. Charles P. Cabell with their daughter, Katie whose date was Midshipman Dave Hoffman.

The Newton Steers were there and others on the dance floor were young Peter Marshall, Sir Kenelm Guinness, Manoutscheur Ardalan, Assistant Secretary of Commerce and Mrs. Henry Kearns and their debutante daughter, Patricia; the British Commercial Minister and Mrs. Peter Garran, Senator and Mrs. Mike Mansfield and their daughter, Anne; Major Rudolph Temple, the Counselor of the British Embassy and Mrs. Arthur de la Mare, the Spanish Minister and Senora de Alba, the Wire twins, Rosemary and Ramona; Antoinette Chautemps and Frank Weller and Louise, Gore and Jon Jonckel.